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Campus, residents debate house decks

Event committee votes to discontinue competition

By MARJIE KOSMAN
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House decks will not count for points in Homecoming next year after the Homecoming Committee voted to eliminate them from competition Tuesday, Feb. 27.

The vote came after years of debate, said Stacie McLaughlin, overall Homecoming co-chair.

"Every year it's always been an issue, but no one has done anything about it," McLaughlin said.

The issue was proposed at the first Homecoming meeting and was then

submitted to the organizations that participate in Homecoming for discussion.

Each organization is allowed two representatives at each meeting. The representatives discussed the issue with their organizations and it was voted on at the next Homecoming Committee meeting. Each organization received one vote from each representative present, and the overall Homecoming chairs were not allowed to vote.

All Greek organizations were represented at the meeting and all but one voted. Four independent organizations were represented and one abstained from voting.

Concerns with house decks included the amount of time and money

spent, said Todd Parker, overall Homecoming co-chair.

"Organizations' grades were suffering," Parker said. "And they were spending a lot of money on it. So it was proposed that house deck not count for points."

Although house decks are not eligible for points, organizations are still allowed to make them, McLaughlin said.

"People need to realize that this is not forever," McLaughlin said. "This will be in effect this year, but if it doesn't work out, it's something that can be brought up next year and voted on again."

House decks were eliminated to free up time and money for organizations, but some people do not think it

will accomplish that goal.

"The same amount of money is going to be spent," said Kelly Dornan, Homecoming chair for Sigma Sigma Sigma. "I think house deck is a plus for the community. It's a plus for organizations and one more outlet for creativity."

Independent organizations have a different outlook on the matter. House deck competition does not apply to most of them, said Beth Lamken, Homecoming chair for Sigma Society.

"I do think that the organizations that participate will benefit," Lamken said. "It will give them more money and time to concentrate on the other two (float and skit)."

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FILE PHOTO
Sophomore Jackie DeVos works feverishly on the Phi Mu house deck during last fall's Homecoming. The Homecoming committee voted to halt the annual contest.

Career Day benefits students

By ANN BRADY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Employers from 101 businesses were ready to meet students of all majors for internships, part-time and full-time employment. Companies were present from Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas.

Some of the employers who were present at Career Day were Sprint, Division of Family Services, The Kansas City Star, Principal Financial Group, Starlight Theatre and the Missouri Farm Bureau.

Each of the companies had individual booths set up in Bearcat Arena. Students were free to browse the companies and meet with company representatives. Students were able to get information about the different employers and give them résumés for further review.

Krissie Wooten, Career Day coordinator, said Career Day is beneficial for any student who is looking for employment.

"It is a networking opportunity that helps get your name out to companies for the future," Wooten said.

Ellie Ziegler, manager of college relations for 7-11, said the reason their company came to Career Day was because she was impressed with the seriousness of the students at the University. Ziegler said that students were also realistic while searching for employment.

"Here we've found down-to-earth people who understand that you can't be the king the first year after college," Ziegler said.

Stephanie Catron, development officer for Orchard Place, a child guidance center in Des Moines, Iowa, said that her company came to Career Day because she attended Northwest.

"As an alumni, I knew that a lot of people would be here from the Des Moines area," Catron said. "It was also a good reason to come down and visit my old school."

Ziegler said there are different things students can do after they attend Career Day.

"Send a note to the companies that you are interested in and say thank you," Ziegler said.

Ziegler also suggested to do follow-up research of the companies that are interesting to get a better idea of the structure and mission of the company's culture.

Catron said it is a good idea for students to keep their options open about career opportunities.

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With social security numbers appearing on Bearcat cards and credit cards, Northwest students are susceptible to identity theft. With another student's social security number, someone could buy pizzas at an Aladine number, affect credit history, open checking accounts or personal records.

By DANNY BURNS
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With the availability of social security numbers on campus, Northwest students have the potential to fall victim to one of the fastest growing crimes in the nation, identity theft.

Identity theft, when a person's identity is stolen and used for economic gains, affects about 500,000 people a year, according to the U.S. government. With someone's social security number, a thief can open credit card accounts, charge substantial amounts, ruin a person's credit history and leave someone drowning in debt and court fees. Other thieves can open checking accounts, access current accounts and wreak havoc on personal records.

Northwest students are vulnerable to identity theft because their social security numbers appear on Bearcat cards. Government agencies suggest people guard their social security

numbers, yet students order pizza, make copies, pay for food and present their card to numerous people.

"It's unbelievable how freely social security numbers are used on campus," said Seth Reimers, wildlife ecology and conservation major.

A student's name and social security number is printed on receipts from local Dominos and Pizza Hut. Some students leave these slips on boxes and throw them in garbage bins. If receipts are found, another student could call Dominos or Pizza Hut and pose as someone else. The delivery could be handed over without question or proof of identification.

"Sometimes the deliverers check the ID, sometimes they don't," said Ben Fisher, agricultural business major. "When they're busy, there are times they don't even ask for identification."

Jamison Phillips, international business major, reported \$36 worth of unauthorized Pizza Hut charges to his

account last trimester. After phone calls and a trip to the ID Office, the money was refunded and a new card was issued.

Dominos and Pizza Hut do not have policies established regarding social security numbers. Managers at both restaurants said drivers are expected to check identification.

"We're so busy that I don't see any problems with that," Dominos manager Ted Lanier said. "There's no way of really having any policies with how open this is."

There have been incidents of identity theft at Northwest, said Clarence Green, director of Campus Safety. One case has been reported this year, and two were reported last year.

While experts agree there is no way to fully protect from identity theft, there are things one can do to make it more difficult for thieves.

On campus, remove social security numbers from Bearcat cards by having the ID Office, on the second floor

of the Student Union, issue a new number and card. Destroy all receipts from Pizza Hut and Dominos. Do not use any part of a social security number on tests or quizzes and ask the instructor if there is an alternate number to use.

Northwest has not taken a serious look at removing social security numbers from Bearcat cards, University President Dean Hubbard said. The use of social security numbers as identification does not bother him, but he thinks it is an issue students should be aware of and would listen to arguments against Northwest using them.

"There are safeguards if you get a card stolen," Hubbard said. "I use my credit card on the Internet, and every time I do, I recognize the chance somebody's stealing it."

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Facts

■ In one hour, The Missourian found 29 receipts bearing students' social security numbers. All of the receipts, from Dominos, Pizza Hut and the Bearcat Bookstore, were found at the High Rises.

■ Using information from Dominos receipts and "s" numbers, The Missourian found students' class schedules, grades, assignments and class postings.

What can you do?

■ Destroy ATM and bank receipts.

■ Remove social security numbers from checks and driver licenses.

■ Be hesitant to give out a social security number to anyone. Ask the store manager why he needs to see a social security number.

■ Check credit card statements on a monthly basis and request a credit report at least once a year from one of the three major credit agencies to see if there have been any unauthorized activity.

City awarded for street's design, construction

By ANN BRADY
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

An award was given to the city of Maryville for the design and construction of a local street.

North Dewey street between 7th and 16th street received an award for the best residential/collector street in Missouri.

The street was designed by engineers at Midland Engineering and was constructed by Loch Sand & Construction Company.

Matt Chesnut, interim city manager, said this street won the award because of quality construction and design.

Chesnut said the judges compared what the street looked like before the construction to what the street looks like at the present time.

Mike Luke, street project manager from Loch Sand & Construction, said the street was high quality.

He said the street has good traffic flow, smoothness and a good overall appearance.

The difficulty of the project is also taken into consideration for the award.

Luke said this project was difficult because while construction was done on an existing street, it had to remain accessible to residents.

"We were excited when we heard about this award," Luke said. "This will be beneficial when we are negotiating other projects because they will know that we do quality work."

Andy Macias Vice President of Midland Engineering, said another factor was working with the geometric design of the street.

He said that they had to take into account the complexity of the road to make sure it was compatible with intersecting streets and driveways.

"We're very proud of this award," Macias said. "This is the second award we have received doing street projects for Maryville." Dan Brown headed the

design for the company and went to Kansas City to receive the award.

Chesnut said the street was part of the annual Maryville street project. Every year a different street in the area is redone.

The city has been doing street projects for the last 20 years.

For these projects, the city accepts bids from different contractors to design and construct the street project. Both of the companies receiving the award have been a part of many projects in the past.

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Power outage affects Maryville community

A power outage Wednesday affected most of Maryville. The main and northern parts of town were affected, excluding the Kawaski plant and the southeast part of town. This part of town was not affected because they run out of a different substation, district supervisor John Praiswater said.

The outage occurred at 12:32 p.m. and "lasted only a short time, just a few minutes," Praiswater said.

The power outage was caused by a fault in the large transmission transformer.

Sock Systems Operations Control Center, based in St. Joseph, switched power to another transformer. Praiswater said the problem should be fixed for now.

"They are doing some testing on it now to see what exactly caused the problem," Praiswater said.

Bank alarms sounded around town because of the power outage.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY

■ **Lenten Mass**, 7 a.m., St. Gregory's Catholic Church
 ■ **Lenten Bible Study**, 9:30 a.m., United Methodist Church
 ■ **University Students' Prayer Service**, 6:30 p.m., Java City
 ■ **MOMFIT**, 6:30 p.m., Christian Church
 ■ **Lab Series: "Lessons from the Clay,"** 7:30 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre
 ■ **Alpha Kappa Alpha panel discussion on defining blackness**, 7:38 p.m., Valk 117

MONDAY

■ **2001 Master Gardener Program**, University Outreach and Extension Center
 ■ **StuCo Meeting**, 7:45 a.m., Middle School
 ■ **Lenten Mass**, 8 a.m., St. Gregory's Catholic Church
 ■ **Boy Scout Meeting**, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church
 ■ **Boy Scout Troop 74 Meeting**, 7 p.m., Christian Church
 ■ **Family and Consumer Sciences Week**
 ■ **IM volleyball entries close**, noon
 ■ **IM table tennis singles play begins**, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

■ **Lenten Mass**, 8 a.m., St. Gregory's Catholic Church
 ■ **Lenten Health Mass**, 2:30 p.m., St. Gregory's Catholic Church
 ■ **Stations/Prayer**, 5:30 p.m., St. Gregory's Catholic Church
 ■ **Last date to get 25 percent refund for dropped second block courses**

TUESDAY

■ **Lenten Mass**, 7 and 8 a.m., St. Gregory's Catholic Church
 ■ **"Murder in a Cathedral" Theatrical Play**, 7 p.m., St. Paul's Church
 ■ **Family and Consumer Sciences Week**
 ■ **Last date to withdraw from the University**
 ■ **FBLA District I Contest**
 ■ **High School Band Invitational Concert**, 6 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre
 ■ **Greek Life Speaker: Gender Communication**, 7 p.m., Union Ballroom

SATURDAY

■ **Lenten Mass**, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., St. Gregory's Catholic Church
 ■ **D.A.R.E. Auction**, 7 p.m., St. Gregory's School
 ■ **PRAXIS test**, 8 a.m., Colden Hall
 ■ **ISO Dinner and Show**, 6 p.m., Conference Center
 ■ **Jazz Festival Concert**, 6 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center

WEDNESDAY

■ **Lenten Mass**, 5:30 p.m., St. Gregory's Catholic Church
 ■ **Lenten Soup Supper**, 6 p.m., Presbyterian Church
 ■ **Open Gym**, 7 p.m., St. Gregory's School
 ■ **Family and Consumer Sciences Week**
 ■ **Family and Consumer Sciences Banquet**, 6 p.m., Conference Center

SUNDAY

■ **Girl Scout Sunday**, United Methodist Church
 ■ **Second Sunday of Lent Mass**, 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m., St. Gregory's Catholic Church
 ■ **Knight of Columbus Meeting**, 5:30 p.m., St. Gregory's Catholic Church
 ■ **Senior Recital: John Kizilarmut, percussion**, 8 p.m., Charles Johnson Theatre

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 ■ **Family and Consumer Sciences Week**
 ■ **Third Installment Due**
 ■ **Mathematics Olympian**

A taste of talent



PHOTO BY AMANDA SANDERSON/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
 Thomas Sanchez and Matthew Staub, both management information systems majors, perform "Mr. Jones" by the Counting Crows for the W.O.R.L.D. Floor talent show. Entertainment included guitarists, singers and poetry readings.

UNIVERSITY

Student Senate sponsors blood drive on campus

The Student Senate and the Community Blood Center are sponsoring a campus blood drive March 12-13.

People can donate blood from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lamkin Activities Center foyer.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds and be in good health. Donating blood takes approximately 45 minutes to one hour. All donors receive cholesterol testing and will receive their results in the mail within four to six weeks.

Anyone who has not signed up to donate may schedule an appointment by contacting Enza Solano at 562-1218.

Lab series play presents story of prophet, potter

"Lesson from the Clay" will be presented as part of the Lab Series productions Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Studio Theatre of the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$1 and seating is limited.

The play tells of the prophet Jeremiah's visit to the potter's house, and is sponsored by the Department of Communication and Theatre Arts and University Players. The play features students Pamela Leung, John Constance, Lindsay Crump and Emily Elder, along with Northwest alumna Lisa Smeltzer and three children from the Maryville community: Ben Albee, Caitlin Vandiver and Cordray Vorderbrugge.

It will also be performed at 6:30 p.m., Sunday at the First Baptist Church and at 2 p.m. March 25 at

the First Christian Church. There is no charge for these shows, but donations will be accepted for the Ministry Center's Food Pantry.

DeLuce Gallery exhibits artist's woodblock prints

A woodblock print exhibit by Karen Kunc opened Monday at the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Gallery.

Kunc is an artist and printmaker. She has works in collections of more than 50 museums and corporations, including the Museum of Modern Art, National Museum of American Art, Victoria & Albert Museum, Brooklyn Museum of Art and Fogg Art Museum.

DeLuce Gallery hours are 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

The Kunc exhibit is free and will run through March 30.

COMMUNITY

Spiritual weekend to give sample of seminary life

Conception Seminary College will play host to "Encounter With God's Call," a three-day opportunity for young men considering the priesthood to sample seminary life March 17-19.

Participants will join seminarians of Conception Abbey for prayer. Individuals may meet with seminarians to share stories of seeking God's will in their lives.

Organizations unite to build home in St. Joseph

Volunteers will unite to raise money and support a Habitat for Humanity project in the St. Joseph

area this weekend.

Ravenwood United Methodist Church, in conjunction with St. Joseph Habitat for Humanity and the Pony Express District of the United Methodist Church, is building a home for a family in need in the St. Joseph area.

Ravenwood UMC will be supporting the project by raising funds through an "Abundance Sale." The idea behind the sale is to share personal abundance with others by making household items for sale at low prices to those who need them.

The sale will take place from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the church fellowship hall.

High school dance team wins awards at state level

The Maryville High School dance team was awarded a first place in the novelty division at the Missouri State Dance Champion-

ship Feb. 24.

This year, the team won first in novelty and third in pom. Last year the team received two second-place and one third-place award.

Members of the dance team are Shelley Poynter, Ashley Pedersen, Mandy Decker, Mallory Burnside, Kristin Hess, Angela Posten, Lindsay Schleusner, Julie Dean, Tiffany Sears, Miraya Burnside and Jill Barmann.

Water ski show planned for local summer event

A water ski show is being planned for this summer.

The ski show will consist of two performances at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. July 14 at Mozingo Lake.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the event. Other activities and sponsors for the event are being planned as well.

Further details of the ski show will be released at a later date.

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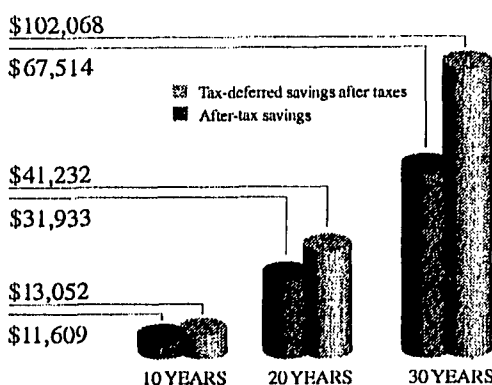
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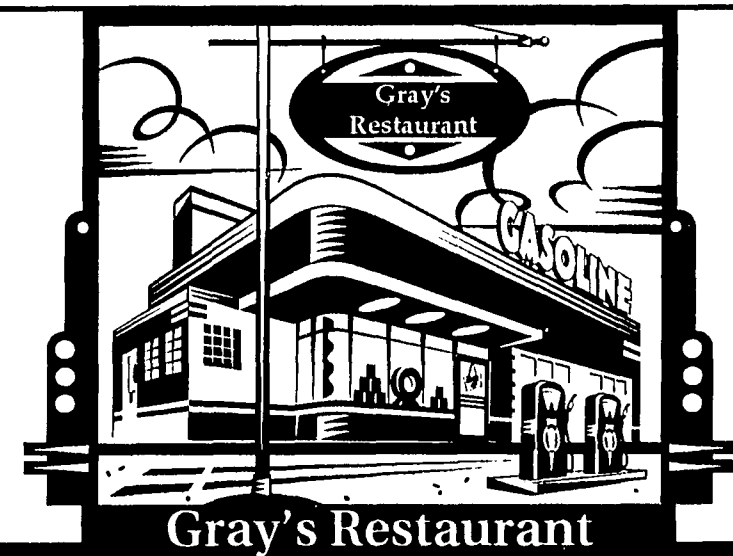
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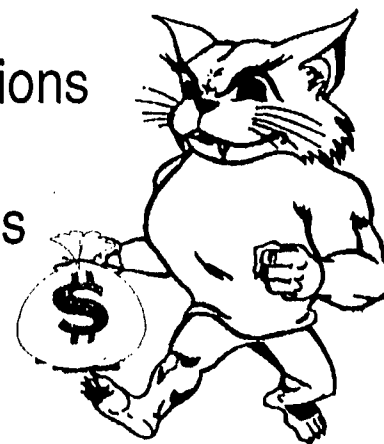
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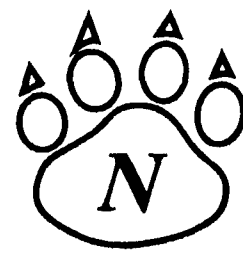
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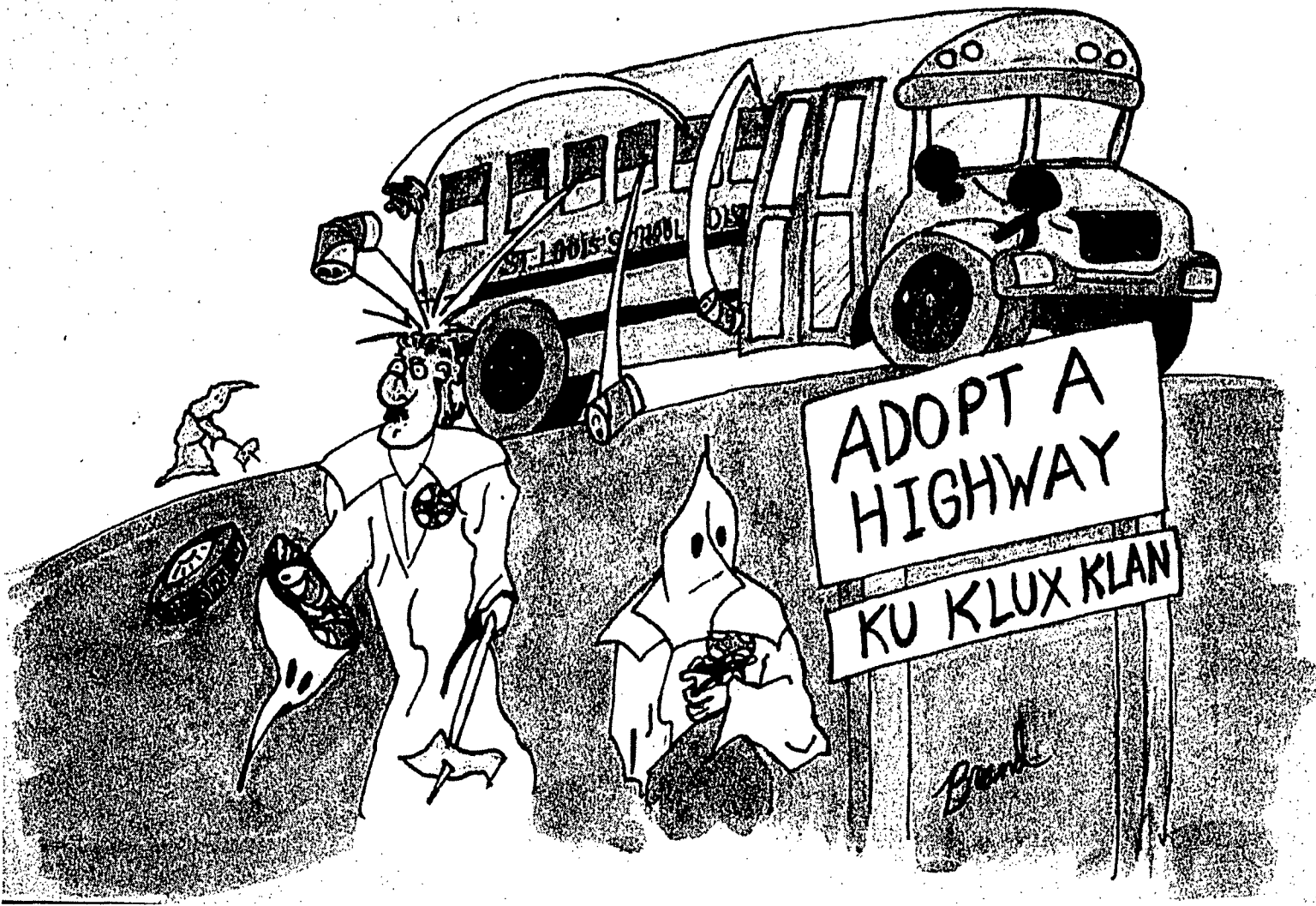
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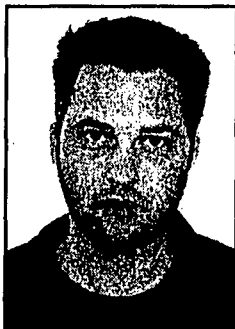
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MY VIEW

Editor questions co-workers' music



JIMMY MYERS
CHIEF REPORTER

The web guys are in the corner crooning falsetto to an Nsync song. To their right are a group of fellow *Missourian* staffers designing pages and listening to the Dixie Chicks. Like the rank smell of a hog confinement the music wafts in my direction.

Normally I hold these people (whose music, unbeknownst to them, is sucking the life out of me) in high regard. But on this night, the basement of Wells Hall is being unkind.

Meanwhile I'm sitting in the acoustic epicenter of this cacophony at an ancient Macintosh trying to put a story together using a keyboard with a faulty E key.

Concentration comes after realizing I could use these annoyances as a Zen-like mantra. But the meditation is broken with the resurrection of "Grease," the movie soundtrack.

Writing an article about a school board meeting doesn't stir much creativity and the innocuous melodies finding their way into my ear was blocking what little creative process I had going. The deadline had come and gone as I eeked out seven or eight paragraphs and appeased my editors with a finished story.

Like second hand smoke, bad music invades my personal space and threatens me at nearly every establishment equipped with a sound system.

Walking through Westport two weeks ago I was assaulted by bluegrass music being pumped through the public speaker system affixed to every other light pole in the area.

Millcreek Brewery, my weekend workplace, beats me down with low-brow dance music for four hours each night. I'm amazed to see hundreds of people paying the \$5 cover to come share in the debauchery.

I submit to you that I am a victim of other people's bad taste. Sure, there is a time and a place for all types of

music. I just happen to be in the wrong place at the wrong time quite often.

Don't think I've not run a song into the ground or swore by an artist of questionable taste. In high school I wore out a Boston album. I actually thought Def Leopard would be a great concert to see. I lost a good portion of my hearing rocking out to the Beastie Boys. I proclaimed Billy Joel the "king of piano men" and swore I'd listen to the Beatles and U2 everyday for the rest of my life.

Granted in high school we make poor decisions, musically and otherwise. Not that the Beatles, U2 and Billy Joel were lacking musicianship, but I limited myself to listening to them exclusively. It's like reading the same book over and over. There are many books to be read, many genres to explore.

My girlfriend betrayed me last week when I found a Lynyrd Skynyrd tape in her car stereo. I've spent hours orchestrating compilation tapes for her to delve into and suddenly it's traded in for southern rock. The Black Crowes would have sufficed if she really wanted to betray me. But no, "Free Bird" spread its wings and deposited its waste on the lobe of my all too sensitive ear.

Perhaps a revolution will arise and the Britney Aguilera Barenaked Dixie Matthews Boys will come face to face with the volumes of over-looked, brilliant music.

Until that day I'll keep spinning St. Etienne, Shiner, Hillary Step, June of '44, Don Cabellero, My Bloody Valentine, Pavement, Yo la Tengo with the hope that one day someone will pleasantly look at me and with the tone of a child asking for a piece of candy say "who is that?" And I will bask in the glory of having saved a musical soul from the fire and brimstone of over-rotation. Amen.

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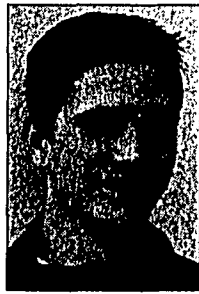
YOUR VIEW

What is your opinion on the elimination of house deck competition?



"I think Homecoming needs to be scaled back, but right after Homecoming, not later after commitments have been made."

Amy Hale
Sigma Kappa,
middle school
education major



"I'm going to miss them because they were about the spirit of Bobby Bearcat and he is my hero."

Brandon Stanley
Business major



"Homecoming will be different. It will be missing something, but I can see it for economic reasons. But what is going next?"

Guy Ebersole
Maryville resident



"Point blank — house decks are a waste of time, money and energy."

Liz Neal
Therapeutic
recreation major



"I feel it is a good idea so that the money can be used for more worthwhile activities. I doubt that money will go towards a charitable cause. It will more likely go toward floats."

Trista Ide
Accounting/Ag
business major

OUR VIEW

School shootings

Recent school shooting in California calls for more observant teachers, parents, students

School shootings should not be a common occurrence that tarnish the front pages of newspapers across the country. With every tragic incident the impact weakens, and people continue to deny the ever-present reality that their community is not immune. Solutions do not lie solely with parents and school employees. It will take the effort of every person in each community.

Monday 15-year-old freshman Charles Andrew Williams terrorized his school with a .22-caliber revolver, and when the chaos stopped two students were dead and another 14 people were injured. However, the indisputable tragedy is clear: Williams told at least one adult and three students of his intent and yet, nothing was done to prevent it.

How long will peoples' consciences let them remain silent?

These people all had a foreshadowing of the boy's vicious plot, but they quickly dismissed it after he said he was only joking. This apathy cost two students their lives and hundreds of students and parents their peace of mind.

Not everyone is quick to such passiveness.

Further school violence was interrupted Monday, thanks to the swift action by a Florida mother. After discovering that a family gun was missing, she immediately contacted school officials. The gun was not found on her son, but was in the possession of another student.

Potential bloodshed was averted because a mother was not idle or worried about getting her son in trouble. Her actions were dauntless, because she alerted school officials and prevented her community from becoming the latest addition to the swelling list of school violence.

In the past five years, 14 American schools have been disarranged by ruthless slaughters. The numbers are staggering: one principal, four teachers and 32 students have been killed, and 96 people have been injured.

Subsequent additions to this list are unacceptable. The time has never been more befitting for Americans to unite and resist their own troubled children's violence. The smallest suspicion is cause enough to alert authorities. The chance of being wrong is not comparable to the cost of another set of parents' tears.

MY VIEW

Drag show causes concerns

Common Ground, Northwest's gay, lesbian and bisexual organization, brought a corrupted, immoral form of entertainment to campus Saturday. This entertainment was commonly called the Dance and Drag Show, as the conglomeration of advertisements around campus stated.

When I was in Wells Hall, my working environment as a journalism major and the building in which I spend 90 percent of my time, I felt secure. The only advertisements I saw were for internships, scholarships and mass communications events or meetings. It was when I ventured onto the rest of campus that I found myself in the midst of impending immorality. The Drag Show ads were on doors, tables and bulletin boards wherever I wandered.

Why did I care? I refuse to accept the annual Dance and Drag Show as a form of diversity or education, and I certainly wouldn't have endorsed the night of "entertainment" by showing my face at it.

The Dance and Drag Show, which cost \$5, included a dance as well as entertainment by local and professional drag kings and queens. Granted, the designated purpose of the show was to raise money to send children with cancer to Camp Quality, a camp in Northwest Missouri. I can handle that. It's definitely a wise investment. It costs about \$800 to send one child to the camp for a week. Common Ground raised \$1,736 and has a goal of \$3,200, which would send four children to Camp Quality.

Too bad the show consisted of men dressed as women and vice versa and lost the support of individuals like me who believe homosexuality and other "alternative lifestyles" are wrong. Imagine how much money Common Ground could have donated if they'd had some real entertainment, such as a talent show, a band or a carnival. Common Ground could have sponsored a much more respectable and esteemed event than a drag show and helped a greater number of children go to camp.

How many people would feel comfortable bringing their family to a drag show? Their children? And if you're straight, you would probably never consider bringing a date to a drag show. It's not an event that can be open to the public without causing a significant amount of emotional uproar, as it caused in my life. When I think about the drag show, I am repulsed. The concept of a drag show goes against the moral fiber of my convictions.

Although I do not and will not support alternative lifestyles, and the idea behind Common Ground goes against my deepest beliefs, the organization could contribute to numerous causes I would be willing to support. But in order to increase the turnout of Common Ground's activities, and therefore help children even more, the organization needs to restructure the content of its events.

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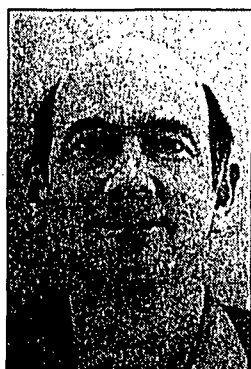
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Candidates discuss key issues

Five residents prepare for School Board election April 3, two seats available

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ROBERT "BOBBY" THOMPSON
OWNER OF MR. GOODCENTS

Reason for running: Preparing kids for the future is one of the most important things an adult can do.

Key issues: With a new superintendent there is a period of time where adjustments to new styles will take work. We need to look at our MAP scores. Eighty-six percent of math students are not proficient.

Education: Thompson went to high school in Ft. Worth, Texas, and attended North Texas Christian University.

Activities: Thompson was a member of the Gladstone Parks and Recreation department and was president. **Family:** Wife Shelley and children Nick, 18 and Jimmy, 20.



SCOTT SHAMBURGER
CUSTODIAN AND MAINTENANCE WORKER

Reason for running: I feel that in 20 years I've worked in the district, I have gained some knowledge and some insight. I feel I can give back to the community and help serve.

Key issues: We've got a good group of teachers. We need to make sure we keep this quality in Maryville. We need to keep up the buildings. We need a clean and safe environment for the people to work in.

Education: Shamburger is a graduate of Nodaway Holt High School. **Family:** Wife Kim and child Ashley, 15.



DAVID BOYLES
OWNER OF BOYLES MOTORS

Reason for running: The education system is the largest single place for our tax dollars to go and I'm concerned how they're spent.

Key issues: There will be a new superintendent coming on board and any time that you change administration you go through some growing pains.

Activities: Has been president of the Maryville Jaycee's Club, is an 18-year veteran of the Maryville volunteer fire department and is a licensed paramedic.

Family: Wife Alyana and children Clayton, 7 and Clinton, 8.



MARK JELAVICH
PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT NORTHWEST

Reason for running: I feel I can help contribute to the education of other children and teenagers in the community.

Key issues: I think we need to further increase teachers' salaries beyond those that were just voted on last week. Trying to improve vocational education as well as expanding course offerings to include college credit.

Education: Jelavich has a bachelor's degree in economics from Bowdoin college and a Ph.D. in Economics from Johns Hopkins.

Family: Wife Janet and children Michael, 13 and Abby, 15.



STUART COLLINS
TERRITORY MANAGER, AC LIGHTNING SECURITY INC.

Reason for running: The system has done a great job with my children and I would like to give back.

Key issues: Making sure we understand what the new superintendent wants and making sure he understands what we want. Another issue is about weighted grades (one type of class would count for more than another type).

Education: Collins has a bachelor of science in secondary education and industrial technologies. He is a master installer/designer of lightning protection.

Family: Wife Stephanie and children Josh, 21 and Natasha, 17.



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Members of area businesses witness the ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday at the Wireless Deli on Fourth Street. The cell phone retailer will offer Voice Stream service.

Deli offers phone services

By JIMMY MYERS
CHIEF REPORTER

A new wireless telephone store opened in Maryville two weeks ago and had its ribbon cutting Tuesday.

Wireless Deli, owned by Todd Gragg, St. Joseph, offers digital phone systems from Sprint PCS and Voice Stream.

Store Manager Jeff Reed said his phones are technologically advanced and secure.

"Sprint PCS is obviously the leader today and Voice Stream uses GSM digital technology," Reed said. "GSM is being used in Europe right now. There is a smart card in the back of the phone and that smart card is your account. If you get a new phone you shove that card in the back of it and it's your phone again."

"There is no phone that I sell that you can go to Radio Shack and get a scanner and listen to," Reed said.

Reed said he is the sole employee at the

moment but hoped to hire soon.

"There are road blocks you have to bust through in the beginning," Reed said. "We were really busy (Monday), had me on my toes. If everything goes well, I will hire someone this month to help out."

Business Manager Chris Grubb said with the construction of new towers, new services became available to Maryville. He said Voice Stream opened towers in Maryville and the business wanted to go to a new market.

Wireless Deli joins Cellular One and Northwest Missouri Cellular in cell phone business.

"The difference between us and them is we have more time, more features, and more bang for your buck," Reed said.

Wireless Deli is located at 115 E. 4th St. The hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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Auction/Dinner to benefit D.A.R.E.

By CHRIS BOLINGER
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Residents and businesses of Maryville are anticipating the seventh annual D.A.R.E. Dinner/Auction.

The event will take place Saturday at 6 p.m. in St. Gregory's Multipurpose Building. Residents and businesses will be given the opportunity to donate and support the organization.

"The auction is our only money-maker for the year" D.A.R.E. Board of Directors president David Welchinger said. "It provides all of our funds for the entire year."

Donations for the auction are needed. These items can be gift certificates, services or merchandise.

Another way to support the program is to become a sponsor. There are three levels of sponsors.

"Sponsor" for those contributing \$50-\$99, "Gold Sponsor" for those contributing \$100-\$249 and "Diamond Sponsor" for those contributing \$250 or more.

The third way to show support for the D.A.R.E. program is to attend the dinner/auction.

Tickets to attend the dinner/auction are \$15 each or \$25 per couple. Tickets and information for the event are available by contacting Welchinger at 562-3233.

"Bidders can obtain a number for bidding prior to the auction for \$5 if they do not wish to eat dinner," Welchinger said. "The bidding starts at 7:00."

D.A.R.E. is nationally recognized. It teaches skills for resisting peer pressure.

Chris Bolinger can be contacted at 562-1224 or cbolinger@missourianonline.com.

Trip to meet legislators planned by Chamber

By LAURA PEARL
CHIEF REPORTER

The Maryville Chamber of Commerce will head to Jefferson City for its annual legislative trip Tuesday.

The trip, which involves Maryville business people, students and residents, will provide the chance to communicate with legislators about local issues.

The trip will last one day, and participants will divide into small groups that will attend appointments with specific legislators.

"It's kind of a divide and conquer approach," executive director, Colleen Hastings said.

The group will discuss a number of key local issues with state officials.

"We want to make our interests heard," Hastings said.

Making sure Maryville stays in the minds of legislators is a goal, said Bud VanSickle, Chamber government affairs committee member.

VanSickle has participated in the outing for more than a decade.

He sees the trip as a chance for citizens and officials to relate.

"This trip is just an exchange of information so they know better what's going on up here and for us to understand what they're going through," VanSickle said.

Hastings said people on past trips enjoyed meeting state officials.

"People feel more comfortable calling legislators after they go on this trip," Hastings said.

Laura Pearl can be contacted at 562-1224 or lpearl@missourianonline.com.

What: Legislative Trip to Jefferson City

When: Tuesday, March 13

Time of Departure: 7 a.m. from the Food-for-Less parking lot

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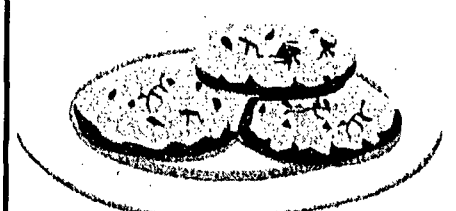
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Feb. 13

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 3700 block of East First that someone had taken a puppy from one of the outside pens.

Feb. 23

■ A black DeWalt drill case containing a charger, battery and various drill bits was turned into an officer. The case, charger and battery have the number four scratched on them. The items fell out of a blue pickup traveling west on West Edwards.

Feb. 25

■ Fire units responded to a vehicle fire in the 600 block of South Main. Upon arrival, the fire was extinguished, and the car was a total loss. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Feb. 27

■ Brenda Manaugh, 39, Barnard, and Craig M. Durfey, 25, Kansas City, were stopped in traffic at the corner of Edwards and South Main. Lynnett J. Florea, 39, Maryville, was traveling south on South Main. Florea tried to stop, but slid on the snow and ice. Florea struck Manaugh. The impact caused Manaugh to strike Durfey.

■ Keri B. Crawford, 18, New Market, was traveling south in the 400 block of North Main. Penny E. Auffert, 50, Maryville, was traveling north in 400 block of North Main. Joshua D. Dunlap, Maryville, was parked on the east side of North Main. Crawford crossed the center line to avoid striking another vehicle traveling south. Crawford struck Auffert. The impact caused Auffert to slide into Dunlap.

■ Janice K. Maxwell, 58, Maryville was northbound on South Main. Bobby D. Horn, 73, Maryville, was leaving a private drive. Due to road conditions, Horn struck Maxwell.

■ James M. Colvin, 52, Maryville, was plowing snow in the 2400 block of South Main, when the blade hit a soft spot, catching the blade throwing the truck across the roadway. The driver of the vehicle was transported to the emergency room.

Feb. 28

■ An officer towed a maroon Oldsmobile and a red Pontiac from the 400 block of West Seventh. Both

vehicles were parked blocking a drive. The vehicles were towed by Shell's Amoco and Boyles Motors.

■ Susan K. O'Riley, 58, Hopkins, was traveling south on U.S. Highway 71. O'Riley left the roadway, struck a speed limit sign and came to rest in the ditch.

■ James N. Woodward, 22, Maryville, was southbound on North Depot. Joseph R. Holaday, 43, Maryville, was waiting for the vehicle in front of him to turn onto East Seventh. Another vehicle pulled from the stop sign at Seventh and Depot in front of Woodward. Woodward struck Holaday and the other vehicle. The other vehicle left the scene.

■ Yao-Chien Young, Maryville, was parked in the 700 block of College Avenue when it was struck by a vehicle. The vehicle left the scene.

■ Crystal Pester, Maryville, was parked in the 500 block of West Fifth, when it was struck by a vehicle that left the scene.

March 1

■ An officer conducted an alcohol compliance check at a business in the 600 block of North Main. Brian M. Greenlee, 22, Maryville, was issued a summons for sale of alcohol to a minor.

■ An officer conducted an alcohol compliance check at a business in the 1100 block of South Main. Michael C. England, 32, Maryville, was issued a summons for sale of alcohol to a minor.

■ An officer conducted an alcohol compliance check at a business in the 600 block of South Main. Lon Chaney Jordan, 33, Maryville, was issued a summons for sale of alcohol to a minor.

March 2

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that her husband had violated an Ex Parte Order.

■ While on patrol in the 2200 block of South Main, an officer observed a vehicle traveling on the right shoulder of the roadway. The vehicle was stopped in the 2700 block of South Main. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Christopher J. Svoboda, 17, Mound City. While speaking with the driver, and odor of marijuana was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobri-

ety tests which he could not successfully complete. He was transported to Maryville Public Safety, where he submitted a urine sample. He was transported to Nodaway County Sheriff's Office for an eight hour hold. He was issued citations for careless and imprudent driving and driving while intoxicated.

March 3

■ While on patrol on South Main, an officer observed a vehicle with only one headlight. The vehicle was stopped in the 100 block of West Cooper. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Michelle R. Tofoya, 20, St. Joseph. While speaking with her, an odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which she could not successfully complete. She was arrested for driving while intoxicated after her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for defective equipment.

■ While on patrol in the 400 block of North Buchanan, an officer observed a vehicle without its headlights on. The vehicle was stopped in the 500 block of North Buchanan. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Aaron J. Dobson, 22, Holt. While speaking with him, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests which he could not successfully complete. He was also issued a citation for operating a motor vehicle without headlamps after dark.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville female that she had been assaulted in the 1000 block of North Main. Joseph M. Ackman, 32, Maryville, was issued a citation for third degree assault.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that someone had damaged his truck while it was parked in the 1400 block of East Third.

■ An officer received a report from a business in the 100 block of East Fourth, that a Rockport female had failed to return rental property.

March 4

■ An officer received a report of a fight in the 1500 block of South Munn from a Maryville male. The case is being referred to the Prosecutor's Office for review.

■ An officer received a report from

a Maryville male that a female had damaged a door in his apartment in the 300 block of North Market.

March 5

■ An officer assisted Probation and Parole in serving a warrant on Wesley Parker, Jr., 17, Maryville. He was transported to Nodaway County Jail where he is being held for probation and parole.

■ An officer received a report from a Maryville male that he was receiving harassing phone calls at his residence in the 600 block of East Third.

■ Jennifer D. Baier, 19, Maryville, was traveling north on Buchanan approaching the intersection of Jenkins, when Heather M. Amann, 19, Maryville, entered the intersection. Baier struck Amann. Amann was issued a citation for failed to yield right of way from stop sign.

SHERIFF REPORT

Feb. 24

■ A Burlington Junction subject reported property damage to his vehicle while parked in Burlington Junction.

■ A Burlington Junction subject reported his vehicle damaged while parked at his residence.

Feb. 25

■ Wyatt D. Dunbar, 21, Maryville, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was released after being held the mandatory detox stay.

■ Clifford J. Burns, 43, Maryville, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was released after being held the mandatory detox stay.

■ A Maryville subject reported her vehicle was damaged while parked in Pickering.

■ A Pickering subject reported her vehicle damaged while parked at her residence.

BIRTHS

Ashley Joann Thompson

Jody and Jason Thompson, Hopkins, are the parents of Ashley Joann, born Feb. 28 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and joins one sister, Madison

Struttin' his stuff



PHOTO BY MELISSA GALITZ/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Taylor Harns strolls down the runway during the swimwear competition Wednesday night. The men of Hudson Hall were competing for the title of "Mr. Hudson Hall".

Marie.

Her grandparents are Larry and Joyce Newman, Clarinda, Iowa, and Allan and Anna Mae Thompson, Hopkins.

Matthew Damon Madden

Leigh Beth and Jeff Madden, Maryville, are the parents of Matthew Damon, born Feb. 28 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 7 pounds and joins one sister, Jessi Renee.

His grandparents are Richard and Mary Beth Alsop, Maryville, and Ray and Pat Madden, Graham.

His great-grandparents are Vilas and Claire Jones, Tarkio, Mary Alsop, Tarkio, Kennie and Lois Acklin, Barnard, and Jean Madden, Maryville.

DEATHS

Doyle Edgar Jackson

Doyle Edgar Jackson, 69, Barnard, died Feb. 27 at his home in rural Barnard.

He was born March 30, 1931, to Edgar and Helen Jackson in Barnard.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly; one son, Randy; one sister, Kay McGee; one brother, Donald Jackson; and five grandchildren.

Services were March 3 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville.

Paul E. Mzingo

Paul E. Mzingo, 81, Judsonia,

Ark., died Dec. 7 in Judsonia.

He was born March 6, 1919, to Erbie and Mary Mzingo in Maryville.

He is survived by one son, Paul; one daughter, Dolores Prien; one sister, Dolores Gex; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held March 6 at the First Christian Church in Maryville.

Joseph Hugh Scott

Joseph Hugh Scott, 69, Barnard, died March 2 in St. Joseph.

He was born Nov. 23, 1931, to Ross and Anna Scott in Maryville.

He is survived by one son, J.B.; two daughters, Marcy DeField and Beth Schneider; one brother, Carroll; one sister, Mary Lynam; and four grandchildren.

Services were held March 4 at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville.

Virginia Lee Billings

Virginia Lee Billings, 47, Maryville, died March 2 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born June 11, 1953, to Gene and Betty Emery in Aberdeen, Wash.

She is survived one son, Eric; one daughter, Rhonda; her parents, Gene and Betty; one granddaughter, Sydney; two brothers, Tony and Terry; one sister, Karen Giesken and one grandmother, Alice Tibbetts.

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Dancers to perform modern, jazz styles

By SARA SITZMAN
UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

The Northwest Dance Company will be presenting its third student performance Wednesday.

The show, titled "Steps in Rhythm," will be different from past performances because of a guest dancer and two student organizations that are performing, said Haley Hoss, assistant professor of health, physical education, recreation and dance.

"All of the dances are somewhat rhythmic in nature," Hoss said.

Ten dances will be performed and will include several jazz and modern pieces, a tap dance and a gospel dance. The organizational performances will be done by the Bearcat Steppers and the Alliance of Black Collegians Gospel Choir and Praise Team.

Hoss has been working with guest dancer Jo Miller in choreographing the performance, "The Difficulty of Being Your Own Hero." With Miller in Carrollton, Texas, the two have been working through telephone calls, e-mails and sending video cassette tapes, Hoss said.

"It's a slightly difficult process," Hoss said. "I teach the students what she wants to impart in the dance."

Miller is director of the Moving Ground Dance Company and dances with elledanceworks in Dallas. Miller and Hoss have been dance partners for 12 years.

Approximately 70 students are participating in the performance, Hoss said. Audition numbers were up this year with 100 students trying out.

"Our program continues to grow and it just gets better and better," Hoss said.

Helping to choreograph are Northwest students Carissa Dixon, Holle Spellman, Charly Richardson, Elizabeth Keane and Sarah Rush.

Keane is choreographing a modern dance of self exploration, titled "Alone in a Room Full of People." Keane asked the girls to think of situations in their life that made them lonely and tried to put those feelings into a dance.

"The piece really speaks to me," Keane said. "It's going to go well



Participants in the dance show, "Steps in Rhythm," practice their routine for the performance at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The performance will display various types of artistic dancing including modern and jazz.

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with the rest of the dances. It shows a different side of dance."

The Northwest Dance Company plans to become a dance center for the community teaching younger children, students and adults starting this fall, Hoss said.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

"Everyone will enjoy it because there are pieces for all ages," Keane said.

Tickets are \$5 and can be pur-

chased at the door or the Student Services desk in the Administration Building. Cash, credit card or checks will be accepted. The tickets cannot be put on Bearcat cards.

Sara Sitzman can be contacted at 562-1224 or ssitzman@missourianonline.com

Culture, dinner offered

By LAURA PEARL
CHIEF REPORTER

An assortment of cultural foods, costumes and customs will fill the University Conference Center this weekend, bringing a small taste of the world to Northwest Missouri.

The 21st annual International Student Organization Dinner and Cultural Show will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday.

The dinner will feature main dishes from more than 20 countries, such as Afghanistan, Peru, Malaysia and Zimbabwe, and contributions from area restaurants, volunteers and many of the 50 ISO members at Northwest.

The cultural show will follow the dinner and will feature emcees Nyncke Kramer and Tsering Panjor. Acts will include an Indian singing performance, an Indian dancing performance, a singing performance with students from Africa and Peru, American line-dancing and an ABC Gospel Choir performance and a Sushi cooking demonstration.

Employing the theme "Quilt of Cultures," ISO is trying to give campus and community members a chance to see the international presence at Northwest, ISO co-adviser Nancy Hardee said.

"Each year we look for a theme that emphasizes both the variety and unity of our membership," Hardee said. "We'd like to be able to showcase our international students. I think a lot of people don't realize how many and the variety of students we have at Northwest."

The dinner and cultural show gives ISO members an opportunity to share their cultures with Northwest students and Maryville residents, Hardee said.

For ISO president Shoko Nagaoka, the event represents a chance for Northwest's international students to unite with one another and the community and to enjoy both differences and similarities.

"We will kind of feel similar," Nagaoka said. "Sometimes we're looked at as different because we look different or because we're from another country, and this shows people we're just like other college students and lets us talk and get to know other people."

A group will be selling handicrafts from Third World countries at a table in the Conference Center alongside the planned events.

A fashion show will complete the evening's festivities. Students will wear traditional clothing from the home countries and take the stage for a finale.

Tickets for the event are available at the Administration Building or the ISO office through Friday and will cost \$4 for children, \$6 for students and \$8 for adults.

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Students celebrate Health Awareness Day

By ANN HARMAN
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Nine organizations from Northwest Missouri volunteered Tuesday to help students become more aware of their health.

The Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Club and the Pre-Med club sponsored Tuesday's event. This is the second year the two clubs have celebrated health awareness, but this time it was on a bigger scale.

"This is really the first year for doing this," said Betsy Liebsch, HPERD Club president said. "We revamped the whole thing from last year's."

Instead of having fitness tests, organizations from Maryville and surrounding areas came to help by setting up booths with games to test students' knowledge of health issues.

One of the goals of the awareness day was to make students aware of health areas they may not think of initially.

"Usually people only think of fitness when they think of health," Liebsch said. "We want to let people know there are so many more areas."

Kathy Morgan, program director for mental health services at St. Francis Hospital, lured in students with BIODOTS.

"BIODOTS are a fun, quick way to check [stress levels]; to give them an idea of what a stress level might be," Morgan said.

BIODOTS are small, adhesive dots placed on the wrist that change color according to temperature. The darker the dot becomes, the more stress that individual has. Morgan offered pamphlets, flyers



Students view a table at the Health Fair in the Student Union Tuesday. The fair was sponsored by Alpha Kappa Phi in honor of Health Awareness Week.

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and brochures on ways to reduce stress and help students find ways to relax.

With spring break coming up, students in a community health class offered safety tips concerning sexually transmitted diseases, sun exposure and alcohol abuse. They also made students aware of the date rape drug being slipped into drinks at bars, clubs and parties.

"People should never accept an

open drink from people they don't know," said Heather McCubbin, a student of the Community Health class.

Some of the other organizations present at the Awareness Day included Herbs 'N' Whey, Northwest Health Center, Chemical Abuse and Resource Education and the St. Joseph-Buchanan County Health Department.

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Major showcased during week-long presentation

By JACLYN MAUCK
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Students in each of the three majors in Northwest's family and consumer science department will be participating in different activities March 12-16.

Family and Consumer Sciences Week is unique to Northwest and was created to advertise the different majors and minors with the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

"We want to create as much visibility for the programs that we offer and for the department," said Frances Shipley, professor of human environmental services. "We have a lot of students who transfer into our department after they've been on campus a year or two. When they come to our department they say things like 'is this a new program, we didn't know it was here.'"

Northwest alumnus Mark Cromley will begin the week by speaking to a group of students about the importance of college and pre-work experiences in relation to building a resume. Cromley will emphasize developing leadership skills, practical work experiences and individuality through extracurricular activities. He wants to show students how to set themselves apart from other applicants.

"I have always been very proud of the college and department in which I received my degree," Cromley said. "I thought it was a great honor to be invited to speak, and I accepted in a heartbeat. My experiences have benefited my life

tremendously, and I hope to convey that to the students I will be addressing."

Cromley will speak at 9 a.m. in the North Dining Room in the Student Union. He graduated in May of 1994 with a food service management degree and now works for ARAMARK at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville, Ill.

Members of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Department will serve doughnuts and juice on the third floor of the Administration Building Tuesday. The food will be purchased with donations from faculty, AAFCS members and honor students.

A banquet will take place in the Conference Center at 6 p.m. Wednesday to honor students within the family and consumer science department. New students, graduating seniors and organization officers will be recognized for their work and accomplishments. Scholarships, awards and other honors will also be presented.

The week will end with a poverty simulation from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Friday on the third floor of the Administration Building. Fifty students from family resource management and family nutrition classes will be divided into family groups and will act out scenarios that a low-income family might face.

Family and consumer science week has been going on for five years.

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Missouri Southern audited

By LAURA PEARL
CHIEF REPORTER

Within the past year, state audits have drawn attention to two Missouri universities, prompting Northwest to take steps to insure its own fiscal practices continue to fall within state guidelines.

McCaskill recently audited Missouri Southern State College's financial records and uncovered several questionable practices — 14 to be exact.

The audit, which covered the fiscal years of 1998 and 1999, revealed such problems as questionable contracting practices, concerns of nepotism, weak travel policies, public funding of a private non-profit organization, overpayments to seminar coordinators and unreasonable and improper expenditures.

In April 2000, State Auditor Claire McCaskill released a report criticizing Central Missouri State University for the excessive financial compensation given to former president Ed Elliott. Elliott's contract allowed for a number of financial benefits for him and his wife both during his time of employment and afterward.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard does not think such audits are necessarily a bad thing. A Northwest audit committee meets each year, and when problems such as the ones found at Missouri Southern are uncovered, Northwest takes precautions to insure they do not commit the same errors in fiscal management, Hubbard said.

Northwest is audited as a state institution each year by an outside firm, which helps to keep University practices in check. Hubbard said small problems have been uncovered through these audits, but no large-scale complications, and the results of the auditing process have been encouraging.

"We've had a clean report for years," Hubbard said.

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PHOTO BY MELISSA GALITZ/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Lily White does her rendition of Wynona during the charity Dance and Drag Show Saturday. All proceeds from the social event are to be donated to Camp Quality Northwest Missouri to provide children with cancer a summer escape.

Drag show entertains, raises money for kids

By MELISSA GALITZ
CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Short skirts, long nails and flashy costumes filled the stage while dance music drifted through the air, prompting poor college students to slide dollars into the dresses of drag queens.

The second annual charity Dance and Drag Show, sponsored by Common Ground, National Residence Hall Honorary and the Residence Hall Association was conducted Saturday in the Student Union Ballroom.

Professional and amateur performers graced the stage as drag queens and a drag king, including Tom Fullery, Tim Kelly, Loreal, Madame Soixante Nerf, Jaden Richard, Melinda Ryder and Lily White.

"There are two reasons this show

is put on," said Shane Foust, president of the executive board of Common Ground. "First of all to help educate and secondly to provide an environment where people feel safe for some students to step out of the box and experience something new."

Foust said a diverse crowd showed up for the social event. The audience included people who traveled from the University of Colorado, the University of St. Louis, Springfield, and Northwest faculty and staff.

"There were people there that really surprised me," Foust said. "This is my last year, but I hope it continues to be what it has become."

All proceeds raised will go toward Camp Quality Northwest Missouri. "I think it was a phenomenal

success," Foust said. "We raised over \$1,000 more than last year."

Ticket sales and tips from the show alone added to a total of \$1,736. A goal was set to raise a total of \$3,200 which will allow four children to attend Camp Quality for one week at a cost of \$800 per child. Common Ground will be accepting donations until the end of the first week in April.

Camp Quality is a non-profit, volunteer organization that provides children with cancer support and a week-long camping experience free of charge. Camp allows the families of these children a break from daily care, allows the children to gain friendships and to break free from hospital life for a short period of time.

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Room dedication to honor former Missouri governor

By JIMMY MYERS
CHIEF REPORTER

Meeting Room A in the Student Union is in the process of being renamed in honor of a politician who had an effect on Northwest.

The room will be called the Mel Carnahan room, named after former Missouri governor who died in a plane crash last October.

Andrew Saeger, a member of Student Senate, proposed to the Senate during the fall trimester that the room be renamed the Carnahan Room and the Senate voted in favor of the name change. The proposal was then submitted to the University President's Cabinet at the beginning of the year.

Student Senate President Shenaz Abreo said the Cabinet was surprised and impressed with the proposal.

"The President's Cabinet was in support of it," Abreo said. "The one minor change was that it would be called the Mel Carnahan room. It's due to the fact that Gov. Carnahan's wife is now in politics. They wanted to make it more specific."

University President Dean Hubbard said he thought the name change was a terrific idea and that he appreciated the students taking the initiative to think of it.

"The thing I appreciated so much about him was I could always go and sit down with him and talk

about what I had in mind," Hubbard said. "He was just really supportive. He put us at the top of his priority list year after year after year."

Tony Wyche, press secretary for Jean Carnahan, said she was very appreciative of the students and all the people at Northwest for honoring her late husband.

"She thought it was very fitting, given his commitment to education, that this honor would take place at an institution of higher learning," Wyche said.

Abreo said Jean Carnahan would probably be at Northwest soon to partake in the dedication.

"She would come, more likely than not, to the summer commencement," Abreo said. "We would show her the tree that was dedicated to Gov. Carnahan and also at the same time have a room dedication."

Hubbard said no more room dedications were in the works as of now.

"We want to proceed carefully, because it seems like you've got a lot of rooms and then all of a sudden they're all gone," Hubbard said. "So we want to use them for people who have really been outstanding in their service to the University."

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Chippewa poet shares work

By JENNIFER LOUK
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

It is not every day that an award-winning poet graces the rooms of the Northwest campus. Award-winning Chippewa poet Mark Turcotte spoke at the Young Adult Literature Festival Monday and met with a poetry class Tuesday.

The Young Adult Literature Festival invited middle and high school students to campus to listen to the author.

"We like to be of service to schools in the area by giving them a chance to hear an author," said Steve Shively, Young Adult Literature instructor.

The festival was started seven years ago by former instructor Virgil Albertini, who proposed that Northwest bring an author to campus.

Turcotte, who is from Fish Creek, Wis., had two sessions for the festival in the Union Ballroom. The first session was for high school students, while the second session was for middle school students.

"A lot of students don't ever get exposed to a writer, let alone a Native American writer," Shively said.

This is the first year they have had a diversity speaker.

During the sessions, Turcotte read from his poetry, discussed contemporary native and family is-



PHOTO BY JOHN PETROVIC/PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Poet Mark Turcotte answers questions from middle and high school students Monday. Turcotte became a poet in 1993 after rediscovering a love of words.

sues, responded to questions, and autographed books. Some of Turcotte's books include "The Feathered Heart" and "Road Noise." Books by many American Indian authors can be purchased at the Bearcat Bookstore.

More information on Turcotte can be found at www.hanksville.org/storytellers/turcotte.

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University brings musical, comical shows to campus

Comedians to give campus laughter

By JIMMY MYERS
CHIEF REPORTER

Spotlight is bringing two nationally recognized comedians to Northwest.

Tim Young and Spanky will each perform one hour sets at 7 p.m., March 14, at the Charles Johnson Theatre.

Spotlight President Chase Rasa said Spanky previously won the National Association of Campus

Activities Comedian of the Year Award.

Young has also been brought up for the award by NACA and will be opening for Spanky.

"He (Young) has performed in over 200 colleges," Rasa said. "He has a very college related sense of humor. It took him seven years to graduate college."

Rasa said he has seen Young perform in the past.

"I guarantee people will be in tears," Rasa said. "This guy is hilarious."

Admission to the performance is \$3.

Musician to perform along with students

The Northwest Jazz Festival kicks off Friday night at the Hanger with performances by judges and Northwest students.

Director of Jazz Studies Bill Richardson said middle school and high school jazz ensembles will be performing at 8 a.m. Thursday in Charles Johnson Theatre.

"We have 29 groups participating this year, up quite a bit from last year," Richardson said.

As a special encore jazz musician Gary Foster will be performing with the Northwest Jazz Ensemble at 8 p.m. Friday at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The concert is free and open to the public.

"He's (Foster) a very, very well known jazz musician and studio musician on the West Coast," Richardson said. "His main instrument is the clarinet, but he also plays the flute and the saxophone. He's performed with a lot of great jazz artists and a lot of great singers."

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A different world

Story by Naomey Wilford

While there is no cure for autism, instruction can provide hope

AUTISM FACTS

■ Autism is three times more likely to affect males than females.

■ About 25 percent of autistic children develop seizures by late adolescence.

■ Autism is one of the most common developmental disabilities, yet most of the public, including many professionals in the medical, educational, and vocational fields, are still unaware of how autism affects people and how they can effectively work with individuals with autism.

■ Autism is one of several related disorders that are grouped under the broad heading "Pervasive Developmental Disorder" or PDD — a general category of disorders which are characterized by severe and pervasive impairment in several areas of development.

■ There is no cure for autism, although its symptoms are treatable and there are many interventions that can make a significant difference in the severity of the disorder.

■ To learn more about autism and fill out a questionnaire, go to www.nwmissouri.edu/autism during one of the following times:

March 8, 3-6 p.m.
March 12, 3-6 p.m.

Web Links

- www.naar.org
- www.autism.org
- www.autism-society.org
- <http://www.challengenet.com/~onemom/page11.html>
- www.feat.org
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- www.autism.com

One in 250 children are affected by a disorder that often makes them super-sensitive to touch, unafraid of obvious dangers or uninterested in cuddling or hugging.

These children have a neurological disorder called autism that affects brain functioning. It usually begins at birth or within the first two and a half years of a child's life.

The term autism was first used in the 1940s by psychiatrist Leo Kanner, who used it to describe children who appeared to be excessively withdrawn and self-occupied. Most autistic children are normal in appearance, but spend time engaged in puzzling or disturbing behaviors such as echoing words or phrases or spinning objects for long periods of time.

Although Missouri is mandated by law to provide intervention for autistic children up to three years old, the closest program to help children in Maryville has been in St. Joseph. Until the Children's Center of Northwest Missouri in Maryville was founded in February, families had to drive to St. Joseph or further for the help they needed. Those drives would be difficult for most autistic children to handle.

Carol Claflin, a counselor at the Children's Center who has been researching and studying autism for two and a half years, said the number of children affected by autism is rising worldwide. However, with one-on-one care and teaching at a young age, Claflin said children can establish better language and social skills.

"A lot of people are still having stereotypes about autism," Claflin said. "There's a stigma. Some people with autism will always need to live with someone, but that's not the majority. Autism is really a very broad term, so when you say that someone has autism, it can vary tremendously."

In the past, 90 percent of people with autism were institutionalized, but today that is not the case. Awareness and diagnosis of the disorder have increased, and so has the number of those affected by autism.

Although researchers have not found the cause for the increase, Claflin said there seems to be a greater risk for older mothers to have an autistic first child.

"They've found that there are toxins in everyone's bodies and the older moms have more toxins because of their age," Claflin said. "There is also a greater risk for autism in those with a higher level of education and who breastfeed."

Claflin said the explanation was that women with a higher level of education are more likely to breastfeed, and when they breastfeed, toxins in their bodies may affect their children.

During her research, Claflin also worked with her autistic niece, Carrie, six hours a day for a year and a half.

"Through really intense early interaction, you can make them function at a better level and be able to communicate their needs," Claflin said. "Autism causes problems in language and communication, social and emotional development, and recently we've come to understand that disturbances in how your senses work are also a fundamental part of autism."

For example, autistic children may rock back and forth a lot, because their sense of motion is weak. They may also scream and fight when a parent is dressing them, because it hurts them to have clothing rub their skin.

When working with autistic children, Claflin said hiding things and practicing with sensory experiences is beneficial. It is also good for autistic children because they like to do things over and over.

After a year and a half of working with Claflin, Carrie was able to play with her sister and speak understandable words. That is why Claflin has become a counselor at the Children's Center.

"We work as part of a team for children's teachers at school, physicians, the workers that may work with them in the home and the parents, so we educate everyone involved about what autism is," Claflin said.

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Northeastern State

The Redmen have won the Lone Star Conference north division three straight years ... Senior guard Wes Pitcock leads the Redmen with 18.4 points a game ... Senior forward Danny Reese leads the Redmen with 8.4 rebounds a game.



Angelo State

Angelo State assistant Jeff Johnson is a former Bearcat. ... Four Rams players score in double figures. Senior guard Darwin Carter leads the team with 17.7 points a game, and senior guard James Gray averages 17.4 points a game. Junior forward Tyree Williams and senior Justin Hardin average 14.4 and 13.1 points a game respectively.

By BILL KNUST
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

The south central regionals are becoming familiar territory for the Northwest men's basketball team.

For the third time in four years the Northwest was selected to the NCAA Division II national tournament Sunday.

Northwest, 24-5 overall, claimed the No. 2 seed in the six-team regional. MIAA-rival Washburn received the No. 1 seed after its win over the Bearcats in the MIAA tournament finals Friday. Because they are the No. 1 seed Washburn will play host to the regional tournament.

The Bearcats' possible opponents for Friday's game are Northeastern State University (Okla.) or Angelo State University (Texas). The two teams will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at

Washburn University. Northwest will face the winner 5:30 Friday at Washburn.

Northeastern knocked the Bearcats out of regional play last year with a 60-56 win in the first round.

"We definitely owe Northeastern a little payback from last year, but otherwise I don't think the team is too familiar with either team," sophomore guard Scott Fleming said.

While the team may not be familiar with Angelo State, Tappmeyer is familiar with the coaching staff.

Angelo State assistant Jeff Johnson played for Tappmeyer, and was a part of the 1997-98 team that finished runner-up in the MIAA tournament and participated in regionals.

Tappmeyer said his knowledge of the Rams' coaching staff could pay off.

"I have a former player on Angelo State so I am real familiar with their coaching staff, and that could be an advantage for us, but it also could be an advantage for them too," Tappmeyer said.

Although they would have preferred to play on their home court, the 'Cats do not mind playing at Washburn, Fleming said.

"It is not a disadvantage, we have played well there before so we won't be worried," Fleming said. "Plus it is close to home, so we can get a good night's sleep before the game on Friday."

Northwest will be looking to capitalize on its strengths during the regional. The team's unselfishness and willingness to get the ball into the hot hand each night has been a key.

Freshman Kelvin Parker thinks un-

selfishness play will be a key factor this weekend.

"We play together well as a team," Parker said. "We don't depend on one guy to get the job done, we all play together real well, where other teams might be more selfish."

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer said he did not expect high accolades from this team early on.

"I think they knew they could be good before I did," Tappmeyer said. "We played some tough games early on, and they found a way to get the job done each time. These guys are friends off the court as well."

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Final MIAA Standings

	Conf	Overall	Streak
Washburn (#7)	15-3	25-4	W4
Northwest (#16)	14-4	24-5	L1
Pittsburg State	13-5	21-9	L1
Missouri Southern	13-5	21-10	L1
Missouri Western	12-6	18-9	L1
Central Missouri State	7-11	12-15	L1
Southwest Baptist	7-11	8-17	L2
Emporia State	3-15	9-18	L3
Truman State	3-15	7-20	L3
Missouri-Rolla	3-15	5-21	L1

*Final NABC/Division II Bulletin ranking in parentheses

Coach wins honor

By BILL KNUST
UNIVERSITY SPORTS EDITOR

The Northwest men's basketball team exceeded expectations of MIAA coaches this season. This week head coach Steve Tappmeyer was rewarded for his ability to lead the Bearcats and was chosen MIAA Coach of the Year.

At the beginning of the season the MIAA coaches picked the Bearcats to finish fifth overall, but the Bearcats have racked up 24 wins this season, the most wins for a team since '84.

Northwest notched 22 wins during the regular season and finished second place in the conference, they also placed second in the MIAA tournament.

Tappmeyer, in his 13th season as head coach, has won the MIAA Coach of the Year twice before. He won the award in the 1988-89 season and in the 1997-98 season.

Northwest also landed a player on the All-MIAA Second Team and two players earned All-MIAA Honorable

Mention.

Sophomore guard Scott Fleming was selected as a guard for the All-MIAA Second Team.

Fleming led the Bearcats in points, averaging 14 points a game. He also led the team in steals with 3.3 a game, ranking him sixth nationally in Division II.

Senior forward Floyd Farrow and junior guard Jerry Hudson were named Honorable Mentions.

Farrow, one of four seniors on the team, averages five rebounds a game. Farrow also averages 9.6 points a game, and his 33 blocks this season lead the team.

Hudson increased his scoring output the last two weeks of the season. He averaged 19 points a game the last two weeks and was named MIAA Player of the Week. Hudson is averaging 10.8 points a game and shooting 51 percent from the field.

Senior leadership carries Bearcats to national tourney

The 24-5 record established by the Northwest men's basketball team this year is quite impressive. Being a freshman I am not able to compare this year's team with the team from '99-'00.

From watching them this season though I can tell this team has a great amount of confidence, and it stems from the seniors. Joe Price, Joel Taylor, Kofi Mensah and Floyd Farrow are the heart and soul of this team.

Every three-ball Taylor and Price knock down, coupled with every dunk Farrow throws down, builds this team's hunger to win.

Perhaps the unsung hero is Mensah. The senior transfer from Central Con-

necticut University has seen sparse time this season, but makes the most of the opportunity every time he touches the court. He does not say a word, he just goes about his business week in and week out.

Mensah's attitude exemplifies what this team is, a cohesive unit. No player averages 20

points a game, and they work together.

On any night, any player who steps on the court has the potential to lead the team in scoring. Junior Jerry Hudson averaged 19 points a game during the last week of the season and the first game of the MIAA tournament.

Early in the season sophomore Scott Fleming was leading the team in scoring, than Taylor took his turn during the middle when the Bearcats struggled to put the ball in the hole.

This team has believed all year they can produce big things. They ran off 14 straight wins at the beginning of the season, then struggled for two weeks, before getting it going again.

They did not play their greatest game at Washburn Friday, but it is just one more obstacle this team will overcome this season.

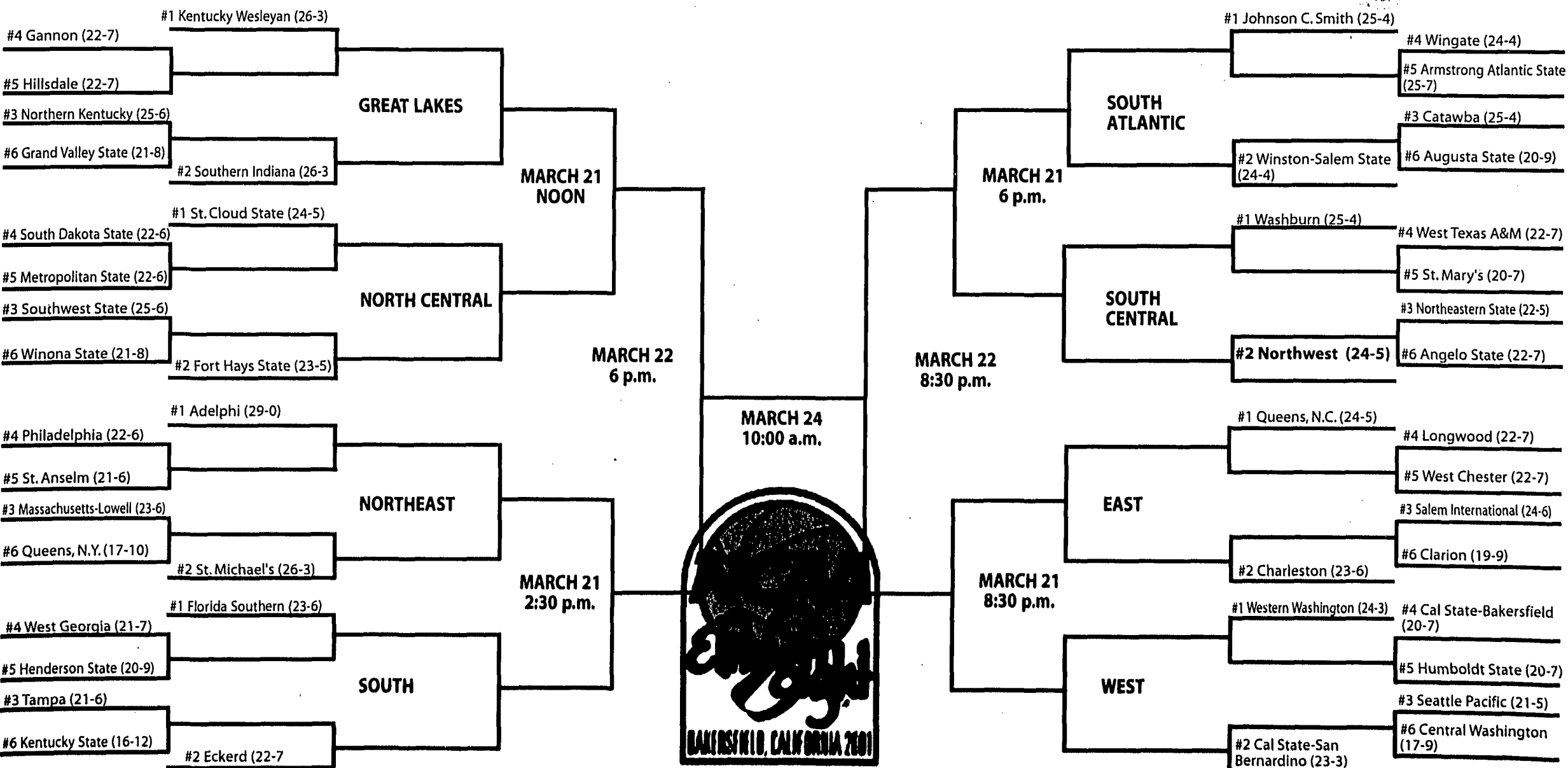
No one except this team knows how far it can go. They have intangibles you do not see with other teams.

They have heart. They play every minute as if it is their last and they all get along. Only one thing matters to this team the win in the "W" column after 40 minutes have expired.

As March Madness begins magical things start happening. Make the trip to Topeka, Kan. one more time and watch the magic happen before your eyes.



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Northwest tennis

Season underway for men and women

By BRENT C. WAGNER
COMMUNITY SPORT EDITOR

The snow still lays on the outdoor tennis courts of Maryville, but the Northwest men's and women's tennis teams are full swing into the season with their sights set on a MIAA championship season.

The men's team placed second last season in the MIAA and field a line up that includes a senior, four sophomores and two freshmen this year.

On the women's side the roster sports two seniors, a junior, a sophomore and three freshmen.

Head coach Mark Rosewell said both squads have set their sights on an MIAA title as well as an NCAA regional birth.

"Our goal for both the men and women would be to try to win the conference championship," Rosewell said.

The women are off to a hot start with a pair of wins in indoor competition.

They kicked off the season with a 9-0 romp over Drury University at Bearcat Arena Saturday.

No. 1 singles player freshman Rosa Tapia dropped the first set 3-6 before fighting back with sets of 6-

3 and 10-8 to win the match.

"Rosa, a freshman from Lima, Peru, is doing very well, playing both No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles," Rosewell said.

The Northwest men traveled to the University of Nebraska-Kearney Friday dropping the season opener 6-2 to the Lopers. Two 'Cat netters were absent from the line-up. The team picked up wins at No. 4 singles from freshman J.J. Mulwanda and No. 5 singles from senior Scott Magdziak.

The squad rebounded on the home courts Saturday with a 7-2 victory over Winona State. The effort was highlighted by sweeping the doubles competition by scores of 8-3, 9-8 and 8-6.

Sophomore Gorka Sanchez has started the season as the 'Cats No. 1 singles player because of a wrist injury to twin brother sophomore Jon Sanchez.

The men take on Southern Indiana, Cameron University, West Texas University, Graceland College and Southwest Baptist in this week's bouts.

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Northwest softball

'Cats eager to play ball outside

By SCOTT NIELSON
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CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior Lindsey Tomlinson practices her pitching Tuesday. The Bearcats will play in the Missouri Southern Tournament this weekend.

The Northwest softball team will attempt to do something it has not done for the last two weeks, get outside and play.

The team travels to Joplin this weekend for the Missouri Southern Tournament and is hoping to escape cold and precipitation.

The 'Cats play four games Friday in pool play, followed by a single-elimination tournament on Saturday.

The Bearcats remain 2-1 on the season with the only three games of the year coming at the Central Arkansas Spring Clash Feb. 23 and 24.

This weekend's tournament in Joplin will feature 13 teams, with conference opponents Pittsburg State University and Washburn University on the schedule during Friday's pool play.

The two-week layoff between games is not an area of concern for Knox.

"I think we have an advantage to play the four games on Friday, because we won't be as burned out as

other teams who have been playing," Knox said.

Confidence in the team's three starting pitchers, juniors Alison Adkins and Jessica Rupiper, and freshman Morgan McGinnis is another reason head coach Pam Knox welcomes Friday's busy schedule.

Knox said she has been pleased with the way her team has played defense this year.

"We've only had one error in three games this year, which is outstanding considering we have a new defensive alignment with only one player, Nichole Strawn at first base, in her original position from last year," Knox said. "We hit the ball well and had some outstanding pitching performances."

Last weekend's tournament in Texas was cancelled because of the inclement weather.

The Bearcats will have a week off before they travel to Pensacola, Fla., for the West Florida Spring Fling March 18-21.

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QUARTERBACKS

Who do you think should replace Elvis Grbac for the Chiefs?



"Doug Flutie because he is hot."
Danae Miller
GEOGRAPHY MAJOR



"I hope they don't get a replacement. I am a Rams fan."
Stephanie Wallace
MERCHANDISING MAJOR



"Rich Gannon. They never should have let him go in the first place."
David Sickmann
MARYVILLE RESIDENT



"Warren Moon. It takes a veteran quarterback to rebuild a team."
Lisa Needham
MARYVILLE RESIDENT

Northwest baseball

Sluggers struggle to 1-5 start

By JUSTIN BUSH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Northwest men's baseball team is off to a rocky start after dropping three of four games in the Savannah Invitational Tournament last weekend in Savannah, Ga.

The team's record currently stands at 1-5.

The 'Cats played in a doubleheader Thursday, winning their first game of the year against Queens College (N.Y.).

The 'Cats trailed early in the game until their bats caught fire in the fourth inning and cruised to a easy 13-5 victory.

"We had leads early in the games,

but we had errors and pitching breakdowns late in the games," head coach Darin Loe said.

Originally scheduled to play at home, the team will travel to Joplin, this weekend to play four games.

The 'Cat's will play two games Saturday against Concordia State University and Northeastern (Okla.).

Both schools have solid programs and have been tough in the past, Loe said.

Though the team is off to a shaky start, Loe has confidence.

"With five losses, even though our record doesn't show, we still have a good team," Loe said. "I think we are on the right track."

Northwest indoor track and field

Tracksters head to national meet

By JUSTIN BUSH
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Seven members of the Northwest men's track team will travel to the national indoor meet in Boston this weekend in hopes of bringing home All-American honors.

"We had one guy from last year's team make it to national and this year we have seven," said Eric Wentzel, men's assistant coach. "We are really proud of these guys."

The member from last year's team was pole vaulter Tommy Leslie, who placed fifth and earned an All-American title. Leslie is returning this year with hopes of placing higher.

"With this being my senior year and getting an extra year of eligibility back, I am not going to waste it," Leslie said.

Fellow vaulter sophomore Ryan

"We had one guy from last year's team make it to nationals, this year we have seven."

ERIC WENTZEL
MEN'S ASSISTANT TRACK COACH

Miller will be making the trip as well.

"Making it has always been in the back of my mind," Miller said. "I redshirted last year and provisionally qualified my freshman year, but didn't quite make it."

Freshman Pat Jordon, after competing in just two meets because of tendinitis in his knee, was able to jump well enough at the conference meet, ranking himself among the nation's best.

"This is a huge accomplish-

ment," Jordan said. "I didn't come out saying I was going to go to nationals. I just did the best I could and tried to improve."

After setting a school record in the 800-meter dash of 1:51.11, sophomore Kyle Keraus qualified for the national meet, while earning the fourth fastest time in the nation this year.

Junior Mark Stewart qualified with a time of 7.58 in the 55-meter dash.

Junior Tucker Woolsey, along with his freshman brother Conrad, made the tournament.

Tucker, who holds the school record in the shot put with a mark of 56-feet 1/2 inch, and Conrad, who has thrown 55-feet, both are ranked in the top five.

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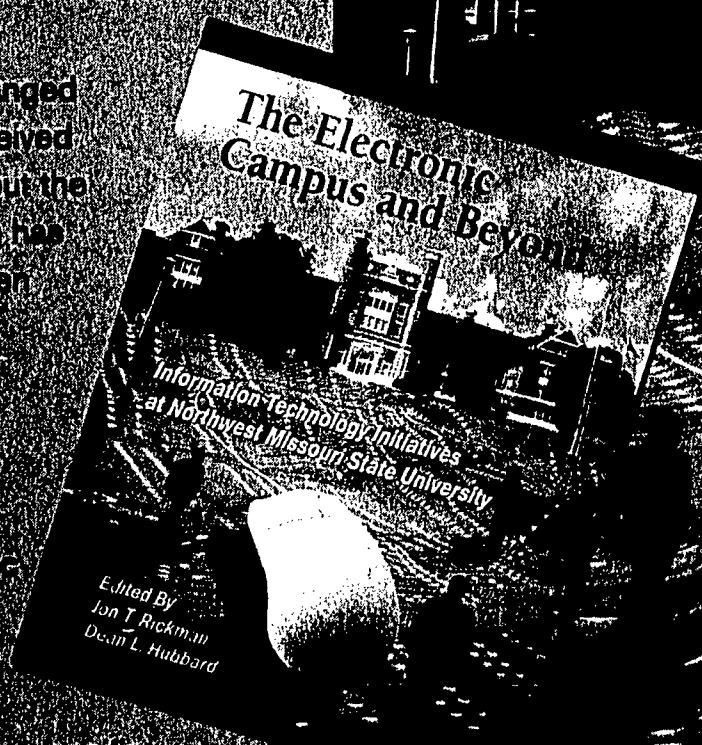
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Maryville boys' basketball

Team reflects on 18-9 season

By BRENT C. WAGNER
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

It did not end where they hoped it would with a state quarterfinal birth but when Maryville boys' basketball coach Mike Kuwitzky and his players reflect on the 2000-2001 season they know they had a successful and fun year that Maryville can be proud of Kuwitzky said.

The season came to close in the sectional championship game with a 53-50 loss to Chillicothe.

The 'Hounds closed the season with an 18-9 record.

"I was happy with the overall season," Kuwitzky said. "I thought we had two seasons, one with Zach (Morley) and one without. The accomplishments were great."

Senior forward Zach Morley was averaging 16 points, eight rebounds and had 20 blocked shots before injuring his knee Jan. 8. The 'Hounds were 10-3 with Morley and 8-6 without.

One highlight of the 'Hounds season was winning the Nodaway County Tournament championship.

"The win over Jefferson (in the Nodaway County Championship game) was really big," Kuwitzky said. "They're doing really well this season, and that is their only loss."

The team also placed second in the Midland Empire Conference with a 5-2 record.

"We had some very big wins in the conference against some very good teams," Kuwitzky said.

The 'Hounds appeared in their first district final game since 1997, and won their first district championship since 1995 with a 54-52 win over Cameron Feb. 24.

"Being district champions was just an outstanding accomplishment," Kuwitzky said. "It was really sweet winning that one."

The year came to a close with the sectional loss, but it was a season to remember, Kuwitzky said.

"We had a great shot at sectional champions and came up short, so that was disappointing," Kuwitzky said. "If you look at it overall, finishing the season with an 18-9 record and district champions, that's a season to be proud of."

The 'Hounds say goodbye to the services of seniors Steve Morrison, Noah Hurst, Zach Morley, Tanner Blackford, Jon Akins, Mark Lewis, Erin Goudge and Cody Burch, a class that will truly be missed.

"These seniors have been very important to the program," Kuwitzky said. "They've been successful at all levels and contributed to two 18 wins seasons. They've been winners all the way through and have meant a lot to the program."

Although they lost their last game they went out on top, Kuwitzky said.

"They're leaving as winners and helping the program be very successful," Kuwitzky said. "We can be so proud of how they represented Maryville basketball, and they're going to be very much missed."

Akins said the season was a great ride.

"We had a really good season," Akins said. "We started out slower than we had hoped, but toward districts we really picked it up. It didn't end the way we'd hoped, but overall we had a really good season."

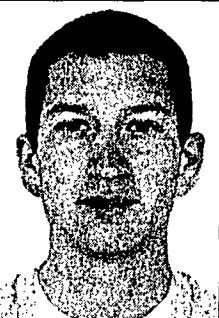
The seniors combined to average 58 points a contest, while the team will return just five players who combined to average nine points a contest.

"It will be totally rebuilding next season," Kuwitzky said. "We know our system works. We have two very good players that will be our leaders in Ross Hullinger and Joey Wilmes. We'll have to come together and put a lot of hard work into it, but I'm sure we will do that, and go into the season optimistic."

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ON THE SIDELINES

Thanks for memories Spoofhounds

**BRENT C. WAGNER**
COMMUNITY SPORTS EDITOR

Just a few plays short of a dream.

The Maryville boys' basketball season came to a close in the sectional championship game Wednesday as Chillicothe beat the 'Hounds 53-50 in an outstanding basketball game and atmosphere at St. Joe's Civic Arena.

These young men played their hearts out and came up just short. Playing with the lead or playing from behind they battled their hardest and never said die. They did what they had done all season long.

Fought for rebounds, dove for loose balls, blocked shots and left it all on the floor.

One of the greatest things they did was play together. They're friends, they're teammates they're role models for how this beautiful game should be played. If a coach were to build a team he should take a little from everyone on this team.

The rebounding of Erin Goudge and Jon Akins, the brutal Cody Burch cross over dribble the Mark Lewis defensive slide, the Steve Morrison jump shot and the heart, soul, dedication and hustle of all.

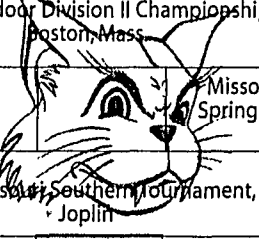
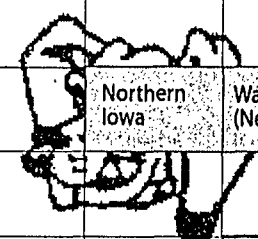
The student body did what they had to for a sectional championship game and a state quarterfinal birth on the line, they came out in full force and surround sound.

The Maryville residents improved in size and noise, but still could have taken it to the next level and cheered as loud for a Burch three-pointer, Goudge rebound or Lewis steal and layup as they did yelling at the officials. Trust me, as a man who does a little baseball officiating, you are not going to make a positive impact on the game by yelling at the officials.

Why not cheer your sons' and neighbors' effort and performance in a positive manner. Set a good example for your younger sons and daughters of what true class and sportsmanship is all about.

Thank you to the team for showing more class than your parents and being true sportsmen. While losing is tough and the thought of not stepping back onto that court this year, or in your career hurts, you showed the class of true champions losing with dignity.

Coach Mike Kuwitzky and his players are one of the classiest acts in high school basketball and play the game well. We have watched you grow as men, as teammates, as friends, as Spoofhounds.

FAN PLAN						
	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Northwest Men's basketball	NCAA Division II Regional Tournament, Topeka, Kan.					
Northwest Indoor Track	NCAA Indoor Division II Championship, Boston, Mass.					
Northwest Baseball	 Missouri Southern Spring Break Classic, Joplin				 Northern Iowa	Wayne State (Neb.)
Northwest Soft ball	Missouri Southern Tournament, Joplin					
Northwest Tennis		Grand Valley 2 p.m. (W)	Des Moines, Iowa (W); Boliver (M)	Boliver (M & W)	West Texas (M) at Kansas City	Graceland College (M)

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

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1. Automobile suspension component (10,5)

11. Exultation

12. Child who has no home

13. Zooms

14. Middle Ages equestrian shield

16. Welding gas

18. Management

19. Company

20. Untidy

21. Mint cocktails

22. Detriment

26. Remain

27. Small tuned drum

31. Scandinavian

32. Commander

33. Undignified person

34. Thereto (2,2)

35. Terrace (abbrev)

36. Smart

37. Said to attract attention

40. Passed easily

42. Small amounts of land girdled by water

43. Strike forcibly

45. Eat between meals

46. Extra tax

47. Demanding scratching

52. Negatives

53. Circulate

56. Immature animal

57. Supernatural being

58. Supplications

59. Coarsely ground foodstuff

60. Squeezes

61. Gamete (3,4)

62. Spiritual leaders
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2. Excitedly

3. Edible mollusk

4. Saucy

5. Hebrew fifth letters

6. Button-shaped top of the mescal cactus (6,8)

7. Floated

8. Vetch seed

9. Manipulates

10. Mysterious aerial objects

13. Sniff

14. Relating to wind

15. Increased

17. Thermoplastic yarn

19. Young wolf

23. Curses

24. Harm seriously

25. Zest

28. Apparently limitless quantity

29. Town in S California

30. Pierces with horns

36. Polite

38. Moved back and forth

39. Carried

41. Middle Eastern sailing vessels

44. Right of precedence

48. Meek

49. Corncrake

50. Internal environmental control

51. Place of learning

53. Duct for smoke

54. Supports

55. Hop dryer (Brit)

58. 21st letter of the Greek alphabet
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SPORTS IN SHORT

Hudson named MIAA player of the week

Northwest basketball player Jerry Hudson was named MIAA men's basketball player of the week for the week of Feb. 19 - Feb. 25.

Hudson, a 6-foot-3-inch, 200 pound junior from Houston averaged 19.5 points and 4.5 rebounds for the Bearcats as they won two games and locked up the No. 2 seed for the MIAA Postseason Tournament two weeks ago.

He scored a season-high 24 points, helping Northwest to a 73-67 win at Washburn University Feb. 21 that snapped the Ichabods' 11-game winning streak.

Hudson was 10-14 from the field and made 1-2 from the three-point arc, while sinking all three of his free throw tries. He also recorded three rebounds, one assist, one blocked shot and one steal.

Hudson averages 10.8 points a game.

Maryville athletes named MEC All-conference

The Midland Empire Conference announced its winter All-conference Tuesday with several Maryville basketball players being selected.

In girls' basketball senior guard Dana Lade was named to the first team while junior post Erin Lohafar and senior guard Hailey Lawyer were named honorable mention.

On the boys' side senior guard Cody Burch, senior forward Zach Morley and senior forward Jon Akins were all named first team All-conference.

Senior forward Erin Goudge was an honorable mention selection.

Big 12 Tournaments coming to Kansas City

The men's and women's Big 12 basketball tournament is taking place until Sunday in Kansas City, Mo.

The 2001 Phillips 66 Big 12 Men's basketball tournament will begin at noon Thursday with four first-round games.

The championship game will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday and will be televised on ESPN. All games are sold out and will take place at Kemper Arena.

The women's side of the tournament began Tuesday at Municipal Auditorium.

The championship game will be played at 7 p.m. Saturday. For tickets, call 816-931-3330 or go to www.ticketmaster.com

Bearcat women named MIAA honorable mention

Three Northwest women's basketball players were named MIAA honorable mention.

Junior center Kristin Anderson, junior guard Dena McMullen and junior guard Amanda Winter were selected.

Winter led the team in scoring averaging 13.5 points a contest. Anderson chipped in 12.2 points a game.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

**Jerrika Miller**
Miller, a junior guard, scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in a season ending 74-67 overtime loss to Southwest Baptist University. The double-double was Miller's sixth of the season.

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BONUS MINUTES & CREDIT on new activations & extensions during the month of March

Hurry In ... The Clock Is Winding Down!

**Mark Lewis**
Lewis, a senior guard, on the Maryville boys' basketball team scored two points, had two assists, one steal and one blocked shot in the 'Hounds 53-50 loss to Chillicothe in the sectional title game.

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